

Response Under 37 CFR 1.116

Expedited Procedure

Examining Group 1742

Application No. 10/004,919

Paper dated December 22, 2003

In Reply to USPTO Correspondence of August 20, 2003

Attorney Docket No. 2204-011501



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/004,919

Applicants : Naoto Hiramatsu et al.

Filed : December 3, 2001

Title : HIGH-STRENGTH AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEEL
STRIP HAVING EXCELLENT FLATNESS AND METHOD
OF MANUFACTURING SAME

Group Art Unit : 1742

Examiner : Yee, Deborah

MAIL STOP AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Final Office Action. The Final Action was mailed on August 20, 2003 and the period set for response was 3 months, bringing the response to be due on November 20, 2003. Therefore, a one-month extension of time will bring the response due on December 20, 2003. As the due date of December 20, 2003 fell on a Saturday, this response is timely filed.

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee. A response to the outstanding Action is filed concurrently herewith.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to MAIL STOP AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 22, 2003.

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The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. The original and two copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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